

# PAWS 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



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#### Serving Animals of Hertford County, NC

Founded in 2006, PAWS of Hertford County serves the community members and their animals. Our hope is to create a community where responsible actions result in fewer homeless cats and dogs.

#### **Our Mission**

To provide animals with welfare and security.

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www.pawsofhertfordcounty.org

#### **Shelter Address**

231 Mt. Moriah Rd. Winton, NC 27986

#### **Mailing Address**

PO BOX 153 Murfreesboro, NC 27855













We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Tax ID #20-4940600.





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### A LETTER FROM OUR CHAIR

Dear Friends,

In 2021, we saw a trend very different from that of 2020. This year, we saw a greater increase in animal intakes for both ourselves and the County shelter, increased length of stay for many of our cats and dogs, and much fewer applications and forever homes. Kristen, who joined us in December 2020, and Olive, who joined us in June of this year, remain in our care, waiting for their forever homes.

Our number of volunteers has drastically decreased over the last few years, leaving us with just over 20 volunteers total to assist us with shelter care, veterinary appointments, transportation, adoption and fundraising events, community spay/neuter program, volunteer recruitment, website maintenance and social media. However, the few volunteers that we have work miracles day in and day out to save hundreds of cats and dogs from unfortunate fates and assist hundreds of community members and their pets through our spay/neuter program.

Many of our donors have shown their support this year by participating in our 2 new sustaining donor programs – PAWS Partners and Adopt a Kennel. Over 20 supporters give on a monthly basis and over 46% of the kennels at our shelter have been sponsored, showing commitment to our animals and a guarantee for a safe place to land. In May 2021, we launched our first Give2PAWS Annual Giving Day which helped save the lives of over 40 cats and dogs in 24 hours. Our mission of providing animals with welfare and security wouldn't be possible without your support.

As you continue to read our 2021 Annual Report, we hope that you are filled with as much warmth as we are to see the successes that this past year brought. Thank you for making our lifesaving work in Hertford County, NC possible.





### 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

- Celebrated 15 years of providing animals with welfare and security in Hertford County, NC
- Became a Best Friends Animal Society Network Partner
- Hosted our first #Give2PAWS Annual Giving Day, raising funds to save over 40 homeless cats and dogs
- Launched our Adopt a Kennel Sponsorship Program, successfully sponsoring almost 50% of our kennels
- Assisted over 200 community members and their animals with low-cost spay/neuter

- Maintained a 99.5% save rate, making the decision to humanely euthanize only for animal suffering
- Provided lifesaving heartworm treatment to 13 dogs that were in our care
- Featured on the Hampton Roads Show as part of the Clear the Shelters Campaign
- Rated 85 out of 100 by Charity Navigator, meaning that you can give with confidence
- Awarded Guidestar's Gold Seal of Transparency
- Replaced floors in Pup Room, creating a safer environment for both animals and people



### 2021 CAT REPORT

99.1%

2021 LIVE RELEASE RATE



210

brought into our care in 2021



**63** 

adopted



132

transferred to rescue partners



4

trapped, neutered & released (TNR)

Thank you to our transfer partners: Cat Rescue Inc., Fancy Cats & Dogs Rescue, Lucky Dog Animal Rescue, Norfolk SPCA, OBX SPCA, Petey & Furends and Wake County SPCA.

### 100% 2021 LIVE RELEASE RATE



46 brought into

our care in 2021



31 adopted



transferred to rescue partners



13
heartworm
treatments
provided

Thank you to our transfer partners: Adoptable Companion Animals of NC, Hope for Life, Lucky Dog Animal Rescue and OBX SPCA,

### 2021 DOG REPORT



Veterinary Care	\$ 23,689.23	<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>	
Shelter Supplies	\$ 15,661.22	NET INCOME	\$ -378.62
Vaccines & Medications	\$ 13,556.18	TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 80,417.91
Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 8,756.16	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 1,204.46
Transportation	\$ 5,610.22		,
Insurance	\$ 3,292.92		
Professional Services	\$ 3,000.00	Contributions & Grants*	\$ 45,369.32
General Administration	\$ 1,267.81	Fundraising Events	\$ 13,189.89
Service Fees	\$ 671.42	Reimbursements**	\$ 8,031.06
Promotion & Advertising	\$ 432.00	Adoption Fees	\$ 7,945.00
Taxes & Licenses	\$ 53.00	Merchandise	\$ 1,086.33
Total Expenses	\$ 76,000.16	Total Revenue	\$ 75,621.60

We strive to be as transparent as possible with our donors and supportersin an effort fo form and maintain strong relationships.

### FINANCIAL REPORT



<sup>\*</sup> The Clear the Shelters and Strut Your Mutt donations were provided in the form of grants.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Transfer Reimbursements from other organizations that we transferred cats and dogs to.



### DEVELOPMENT REPORT

#### **Fundraisers**

First #Give2PAWS Annual Giving Day \$5,467.36

Facebook Birthday Fundraisers \$3,064.00

Giving Tuesday \$2,678.49

Clear the Shelters Campaign \$2,110.00

T-Shirt Fundraisers \$1,086.33 Ales + Tails @ Big Ugly Brewing \$870.00

**Share the Love Campaign** \$790.00

**12 Days of Giving** \$703.15

Strut Your Mutt \$557.53

#### **PAWS Partners Sustaining Donor Program**

22 individual donors \$702.08/month

#### **Adopt a Kennel Program**

10 sponsored kennels



### GIVE MONTHLY

Our PAWS Partners Sustaining Donor Program allows for supporters to give on a recurring basis and allows us to rely on a steady source of revenue for providing care to the cats and dogs that we take in.

For as little as 16¢ a day, you can provide lifesaving care to an animal in need.

Learn more at www.pawsofhertfordcounty.org/info/donate.

#### \$10/MONTH

Provides 12 cats or dogs with rabies vaccinations.

#### \$15/MONTH

Provides 36 microchips to cats and dogs.

#### \$25/MONTH

Provides 15 dogs with heartworm tests.

#### \$50/MONTH

Provides 20 cats with spay or neuter.

#### \$100/MONTH

Provides 3 dogs with heartworm treatment.

#### **Thank You PAWS Partners!**

Robert Atkins
Vicki & Will Barton
John Brewer
Linda Brooks
Paula Burke
Nathan Denny
Sharon Fadness
Stephanie Holt

Kathleen Howard
Amie Howell
JoAnn Jones
Amy Jordan
Patti Llewellyn
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Rue Mastic
Maureen Mullin

Courtney Pearman
Ashleigh Phillips
Sue Rinehart
Catherine Salmon
Jeffrey Thornes
Deborah Vest
Hank Wayland
Andrea Weber

For an annual donation, you can sponsor a kennel at our shelter. By doing so, you provide financial support for caring for all of the cats and dogs that come into our care. This sponsorship also offers a unique opportunity to memorialize or honor a loved one or friend. This sponsorship is open to individuals, families, organizations, and businesses.

Learn more at www.pawsofhertfordcounty.org/info/donate.

#### Thank You Kennel Sponsors!

In Loving Memory of Turkey,
My First Grand-Dog
Robert Atkins

In Honor of Bob & Mary Atkins & Lizzie

Maureen Atkins Vollmer

In Loving Memory of Marley (Butterscotch) Paula Burke-Orenduff

In Honor of Judy's 70th Birthday
Jennifer Cates

In Honor of John & Michelle Haksteen & Tank

Herman Haksteen

In Honor of Peppa Huffman & Muff Wolfe
Michelle Huffman

In Loving Memory of Carol Lang, PAWS Charter Member JoAnn Jones

In Loving Memory of Landy
Alexandra LaRue

In Honor of Felix Binx Jylian & John Lohman

In Loving Memory of Pinky
Charlotte Pearman
Courtney Pearman

### ADOPT A KENNEL





### WAYS TO HELP

#### **General Donations**

If interested in making a monetary donation, please visit our website, pawsofhertfordcounty.org.

Checks can be mailed to: PAWS of Hertford County PO BOX 153 Murfreesboro, NC 27855

Venmo: @ PAWSofHertfordCounty

#### **Amazon Smile**

Shop through Amazon Smile and choose "PAWS of Hertford County" as your charity. Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to our cats and dogs.

#### **T-Shirt Fundraisers**

Show your support for our mission in comfortable apparel for any season. Shop our apparel or create your own t-shirt fundraiser for us at bonfire.com/org/paws-of-hertford-county-204940600/

#### **In-Kind Donations**

Interested in donating food or other needed supplies? You can shop our Amazon Charity List, Chewy Wish List or have items shipped to our mailing address:

PO BOX 153 Murfreesboro, NC 27855

Interested in donating shreddies or newspaper? Drop it off at our shelter or at an adoption event.

Want to donate items for an auction or raffle? Please contact kelsey@pawsofhertfordcounty.org for details.

#### **Host a Fundraiser**

Do you sell products through a third-party, such as Scentsy? Are you interested in hosting a fundraiser or donation drive for the cats and dogs at PAWS? Please contact us at fundraising@pawsofhertfordcounty.org.

Celebrate your birthday by creating a Facebook Fundraiser! It's quick, easy and helps the cats and dogs.

#### **Donation Matching**

Are you or your company interested in matching donations? Please contact kelsey@pawsofhertfordcounty.org

As a 100% volunteer-run organization, we rely on those who generously give their time to help homeless cats and dogs. You can help us move forward and continue saving lives.

Find our Volunteer Application on our website: www.pawsofhertfordcounty.org/forms.

#### Shelter

Whether it's helping to socialize cats or dogs, giving them some play time, or giving them basic needs like food and water, shelter volunteers directly help the cats and dogs at our facility in Hertford County, NC.

#### **Adoption Events**

Help set-up/breakdown, handle cats and dogs or talk with potential adopters and donors at one of our adoption events. These events are primarily in Chesapeake, VA.

#### **Community Events**

Help provide resources to community animals and their families. Assistance is greatly appreciated at our rabies clinics and with our low-cost spay/neuter program. These events are hosted in Hertford County, NC.

#### **Fundraising Events**

Help set-up/breakdown, handle cats and dogs or interact with potential donors. These events can be hosted in Hertford County, NC or Hampton Roads, VA.

#### **Transport**

Help our cats and dogs get to veterinary appointments, adoption and fundraising events or to our transfer partners. Transport volunteers are key to getting our animals to their forevers.

#### **Compassionate Youth Program**

For those under the age of 16 that wish to volunteer, there are a number of ways to help! You can set-up a donation table at one of our events, form a school club to collect donations or make thank you cards for donors.



### PATIENTLY WAITING

#### Josie's Adoption Story

In 2021, we made the decision to begin searching for a kitten to befriend our two-year-old Tabby, Kinlee. Our search began with our county's local shelter, but we learned they do not accept cats or kittens. With that news, we knew we would need to broaden our search to other shelters but then learned they often restrict adoptions to citizens in their counties. As we continued our search, Petfinder led us to PAWS of Hertford County. We began browsing through their online gallery and found a beautiful kitten we wanted to meet. After completing the online application, we were contacted and an appointment was set to visit the shelter.

We were so excited to visit PAWS to meet the kitten we had viewed online. Volunteer JoAnn Jones met us at the shelter and led us to what we hoped would be Kinlee's new friend. However, the kitten we were meeting just wasn't ready to leave her sister. Rather than stress her, we decided it would be best to give her more time to adjust and hopefully find the perfect family. While there, we began talking with JoAnn and sharing why we were searching for a kitten. As JoAnn and I chatted, my husband wandered to meet other available kittens. After a bit, he called me over to meet three adorable grey kittens he couldn't seem to leave. One of the three was a tiny little Blue Tortie named Kandi. To be honest, I think we both just melted when we saw her! She was the friendliest kitten and seemed to love everyone around her. We both knew this little girl would be Kinlee's new buddy. Kandi wasn't quite old enough to leave the shelter, but JoAnn assured us she would complete the paperwork to reserve her for us. A few short weeks later, we received the call Kandi was ready for her new home. Kandi's name was changed to Josie and she became a beloved member of our family.

It has been one year since we adopted Josie and we couldn't be happier. Working with the volunteers at PAWS of Hertford was a great experience. Their application process ensures happy, healthy homes for their adoptable pets. Knowing each animal is vetted, vaccinated, microchipped, and spayed/ neutered prior to adoption shows they are thoroughly invested in the future of each animal. While we do not have plans to adopt again in the near future, we absolutely recommend PAWS of Hertford County to family and friends who may be searching for a new furry friend!

Our experience with PAWS was so great, a children's book was created to share Kinlee and Josie's story. We thank each and every volunteer at PAWS who work tirelessly to save these babies in need; your efforts do not go unnoticed!

Love, Josie's Forever Family















# Thank you to our 2021 DONORS

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As we move into 2022, we seek to be able to continue working diligently towards our mission of providing animals with welfare and security, while also achieving our goals to create sustainability for the organization.

#### **2022 GOALS**

Create a more balanced budget to become financially sustainable.

Maintain a live-release rate of at least 90 percent while providing all cats and dogs with humane care.

Increase our number of volunteers, as well as volunteer commitment and retention, through the formation of stronger relationships.



This Annual Report is dedicated in loving memory to Carol Lang (1944-2021).

As a charter member of PAWS, helping found the rescue in 2006, she had a heart of gold, always thinking of others first and a dedication for helping animals. In 2009, she created our Community Spay/Neuter Program and would continue to serve on our Board as the Director of the program until her passing. Through the program, and her attendance at all of our community events, she helped thousands of families and their animals. Carol will be remembered by all as gentle, kind, and loving, and someone who was always positive.

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